

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
via Conference Call
September 9, 2014**

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

Background: Chairs were asked to submit a report of what work their group has accomplished since July 1st. During the conference call, each Board Liaison will have the opportunity to summarize and share any concerns their member groups may have and field questions from Board members. Standing Board Committees will also reflect on the reports and discuss how the work of the groups is supporting their portion of the strategic plan, as well as look for and discuss common threads or issues between the reports and how the Board might address them.

Action Required: Discussion

Missing Reports (as of 9/3/14)

- Advocacy Support Taskforce – Sarah Kepple, Chair
- Frances Henne Award Jury – Ariel Cummins, Chair
- RUSA/YALSA Young Adult Reference Committee – Jessi Schulte-Honstad (RUSA has not filled vacancies; co-chair, members)

ADVOCACY

Administrator Resources Task Force

Chair's Name: Sara Ryan

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Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Coordinate the development of new content, including case studies that illustrate the value of teen services, aimed at library administrators and work with staff to disseminate the content. Use existing data to create new resources aimed at an administrator audience which illustrate the value of teen services, including tip sheets, position papers, infographics, canned presentations, articles and blog posts. Identify and prioritize communication channels for distribution of messages and materials.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Moved discussions to ALA Connect, proposed blog series on topics previously identified by the group as being useful to administrators.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Each member will compose a post for the YALSA blog.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Blog posts.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Discussed overall challenges around encouraging participation with former Board liaison Vicki Emery; moved the group's work to Connect and posted schedule of discussions with deadlines for commenting as a result. In another conversation with current Board liaison Shannon Peterson, asked to step down as chair but volunteered to remain as a TF member once a new chair has been appointed.

Additional Concerns or Comments: The Board may want to consider narrowing the charge for this TF and defining a single desired final product. While it might seem appropriate to ask a TF composed of administrators to determine what resources would be most useful to them, busy administrators may lack the capacity to participate in discussions required to reach consensus on what resources should be produced.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Legislation Committee

Chair's Name: Staci Terrell

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Board Liaison: Sarah Townsend

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To inform librarians and library workers who serve young adults of pending legislation which affects young adults and library service to that population; to provide librarians and library workers with tools and resources to help them educate elected officials and lobby for strong library services to teens; to liaise with the ALA Legislation Committee; and to provide support to the YALSA Board with developing an annual legislative agenda.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We are currently in the middle of District Days and working to promote it via listservs, YALSAblog, and the YALSA eNews. And will have more to report on the outcomes, once it is done. I am not sure what was done in this quarter prior to my becoming Chair on July 1.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Advocacy and Activism Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Publication
- Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

From July 1 to Dec. 1 2014 work with the Communications Specialist to promote the stipend for a member to attend 2015 National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) Between Sept. & Dec. evaluate the effectiveness of the District Days & Tweet Your Congressperson efforts and submit an evaluation to YALSA's board by 12/30 regarding whether or not these are effective means for engaging members in grassroots legislative advocacy • Throughout the year promote the

Washington Office's free advocacy webinars to YALSA members • Throughout the year promote subscriptions to YAdvocacy listserv and post regular tips on everyday advocacy that relate to the Advocacy Benchmarks • Throughout the year model use of social media as an advocacy tool to members and encourage them to use it at the local and state levels, such as Google maps, Storify and Scoop.it • Communicate regularly with the chairs What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will need to promote the stipend for the 2014 NLLD along with being charged to promote subscriptions to YAdvocacy listserv and posting tips on advocacy related to the Advocacy Benchmarks.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments: We need to start working on the promotion of District Days in the spring, as librarians are planning their August programs, we have tried to promote but fear that it has not been successful.

I fear that there is a disconnect with District Days and librarians, must figure a way to remedy that. This is something the committee will be discussing as we evaluate the effectiveness of it over the next few months.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Teen Read Week Committee

Chair's Name: Sarah Amazing

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Board Liaison: Jennifer Korn

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To assist with the planning and implementation of a week-long national initiative to that gives libraries the opportunity to encourage their teens to read for the fun of it.

Committee responsibilities include: Developing content for the Teen Read Week web site such as professional resources for YA librarians, program and display ideas and lists of recommended resources; promoting Teen Read Week through efforts such as: contributing items to appropriate magazines, blogs, etc. for the library, education and literature fields and/or offering conference programs and publications as appropriate; assisting staff with the selection of an annual theme.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Over the past six weeks, the 2014-15 TRW Committee has been discussing various themes for the 2015 celebration; ideas such as steampunk, food, journey/quest stories, and makerspace themes (Make it Big!) seem to be the most popular among the members.

The winners of the Dollar General were chosen and notified by YALSA.

We began 'pinning' to the Teen Read Week Pinterest board on the official YALSA account, and let members know to follow the board through the e-newsletter.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Publication
- Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

A Twitter/Ning chat has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 3 from 2-4pm EST, where we'll be discussing programs. Two other events featuring marketing and displays/decorations will be taking place prior to TRW 2014.

We'll be meeting virtually at least once more before Teen Read Week, and then meet discussing many things through email. Once a theme is chosen, we'll begin work on the 2015 manual.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We have discussed topics for the YALSA blog; in addition to a collaborative post about grant applications, each member of the committee will be writing a blog post.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: There has been enthusiastic participation from most on the committee, but not all members. I'll be addressing that after I seek some advice on how to do so politely.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Thanks so much for everyone's help as I figure out my way around YALSA! We did have one hiccup with time zones (I'm too used to doing things with only-Ohio people), but overall, the committee is doing really well.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Teen Tech Week

Chair's Name: Jaina Lewis

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Board Liaison: Sarah Townsend

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To assist with the planning and implementation of a week-long national initiative to that gives libraries the opportunity to feature all of their nonprint resources for teens

and their families. Committee responsibilities include: Developing content for the Teen Tech Week web site such as professional resources for YA librarians, program

and display ideas and lists of recommended resources; promoting Teen Tech Week through efforts such as: contributing items to appropriate magazines, blogs, etc.

for the library, education and technology fields and/or offering conference programs and publications as appropriate; assisting staff with the selection of an annual

theme. Committee Size: 7 virtual members, including at least two members from the previous year. Term: 2 years, commencing after Annual and ending after

Annual.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

We have introduced ourselves and set up a Google+ group. We are currently communicating via Google+ and are working on Google Docs together.

We are currently working on the following:

Brainstorms for the TTW theme of "Libraries are for Making _____"

A bookmark about good digital citizenship A bookmark about copyright Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Research and Best Practices Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Publication
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

1. Finish digital citizenship and copyright bookmarks by end of August and submit to Beth Yoke

2. Finish brainstorms for TTW theme and submit to Anna Lam

3. Continue to communicate

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

A bookmark about good digital citizenship A bookmark about copyright Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Christie Gibrich contacted me, saying that she had requested to be removed from the TTW committee due to the poor leadership of the previous chair. She has agreed to stay on with me in charge, but I wanted to make you aware of the situation.

Additional Concerns or Comments: I was just appointed to this committee and I'm still acclimating myself.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

CAPACITY BUILDING

2015 Governance Nominating Committee

Chair's Name: Priscille Dando

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Board Liaison: Chris Shoemaker

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To recruit, vet and select candidates for the slate for the 2014 election of YALSA Officers and Directors. When building the slate, strive to provide for broad representation, including but not

limited to representation of the membership by: diverse background, type of library, special interest, and geographic location. To assist candidates in preparing for the election, including but not limited to planning and implementing a Candidates' Forum at the 2014 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

-Solicited names of potential candidates from board members, YALSA leaders, current committee chairs, and through social media -Considered 42 individuals for president-elect, councilor and board -Reached out to individuals for personal conversations, phone calls and emails -Conducted several conference calls with liaison, committee members, and executive director -Considered attributes of current board and where gaps can be filled in representation - Requested membership lists from YALSA office -Received to date six candidacy forms, all for Board positions Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Member Recruitment and Engagement
- Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Finalize slate to present to Exec and Board by August 31.

Plan candidate support and publicity for election What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Information about candidates Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: The rating of 4 is not a reflection of the committee members, but rather the extent of the challenge in recruiting candidates for president-elect and councilor.

Additional Concerns or Comments: It is extremely difficult to identify qualified and willing candidates for exec positions. Time and funding are the universal reasons for not accepting an invitation to consider becoming a candidate. Also, a lack of diversity among the overall pool of candidates willing to run is a challenge. The committee has expressed a commitment to providing choice on the ballot rather than listing candidates as unopposed.

However without viable options, it is necessary to consider unopposed positions on the ballot.

With time running short, it would be extremely helpful if board members reached out to individuals with exec committee potential and encouraged them to submit candidacy forms.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Awards and Booklist Marketing Taskforce

Chair's Name: Clair Segal

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Board Liaison: Linda Braun

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The mission of the taskforce is to help YALSA raise awareness of its lists and awards, and to coordinate the implementation of a sustained, year-round effort beginning immediately with promoting the nominees for the current year's Teens' Top Ten and the

2014 Readers Choice List, continuing with the announcement of the Nonfiction & Morris Award finalists in Dec. 2014 and running all the way through Dec.

2014. The taskforce will: 1) assist YALSA's Communications Manager with promoting the 2014 lists and awards to the library community and general public via the media through Tweets, articles, blog posts, and other means;

2) create and disseminate resources to help librarians and educators use the lists and awards in their libraries and classrooms, including readers' advisory guides, book group discussion guides, booktalking resources, lesson plan materials and more; and 3) encourage teen interest in the lists and award winners through contests, promotions, collaboration with YALSA's blog, The Hub, and other means.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Contacted committee members for the start of the term to say hi, ask for a reintroduction to the group, and get the ball rolling.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Member Recruitment and Engagement Which strategies were used for the above action areas?

Select as many as

apply.: Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Come up with a game plan for promoting the awards this season, and gather feedback from YALSA on some specific tasks they'd like to see accomplished.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? NA Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Division & Membership Committee

Chair's Name: Samantha Helmick

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Board Liaison: Jack Martin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The Committee has met to review the objectives and forms from the previous team. This group is dynamic and driven. We are committed to continuing the work from the Committee while expanding membership drives and options for library support staff, paraprofessionals, as Library and Information Science students.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have identified our three major goals: membership drive, online presence and collaboration with the intent to support paraprofessionals and library students. Members are currently working with ALA groups to raise awareness and help YALSA membership grow.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Advocacy and Activism Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To establish initiatives with ACRL, LITA and PLA to promote YALSA membership and market Teen Librarianship.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Our collaborative efforts and upcoming membership celebrations/events.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Executive committee

Chair's Name: Chris Shoemaker

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Board Liaison: N/A

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: While the Board of Directors serves as the governing body of the organization, the role of the Executive Committee, as with all committees, is to help the Board accomplish its work in the most efficient way. Its main purpose is to facilitate decision making in between Board meetings or in the case of a crisis or other urgent circumstances.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The Executive Committee discussed the Board Sessions from Annual and the responsibilities for creating board documents. Members of the Executive committee met with division leaders to review BARC documents and identify methods of inter-division cooperation.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
 - Research and Best Practices
 - Continuous Learning and Professional Development
 - Member Recruitment and Engagement
 - Capacity Building and Organizational Development
- Which strategies were used for the above

action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Prepare for Fall EXEC and ALA strategic planning process

Prepare for Midwinter Meeting

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

Information related to YALSA strategic planning

Agenda items for Fall Exec

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Financial Advancement Committee

Chair's Name: Jack Martin

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Board Liaison: Jack Martin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Provide oversight and continued enhancement of the Friends of YALSA program, including promotion, fundraising and donor recognition. Work with the Board year-round to create and implement virtual fundraising campaigns and fundraising efforts at conferences, aimed at both members and nonmembers, to support the \$16,000 worth of scholarships and stipends YALSA gives out annually. Periodically review YALSA's Fundraising Toolkit and make updates, as needed. Size - 1 chair, who sits ex-officio on the YALSA board, and 6 virtual members, including at least one member from the previous year. (Board Liaison = YALSA Fiscal Officer).

Term: 2 years, commencing after Annual and ending after Annual.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We met via conference call and talked about group's workplan for the year. Veteran members gave feedback on the previous year's activities and brainstormed with the new members about possible new fundraising ideas. The goal is to create a fundraising plan for the year--including the Day of Giving, helping with the booth at the YA Lit Symposium, the Coffee Klatch raffle at Annual and a letter writing campaign--to be given to the Exec Committee in time for their October meeting. The committee also discussed how they could better target potential donors and create a menu of giving opportunities. Another topic that came up as a possible activity would be to create an overall fundraising strategy for YALSA to present to the Board.

Finally, we discussed a divide-and-conquer strategy among the team on how best to respond to donors who give to FOY.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
 - Capacity Building and Organizational Development
- Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To continue thanking donors for their gifts and to focus on the fundraising plan for 2014-15.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? The group also discussed posting information to the YALSA blog and twitter about giving to YALSA, including messages from donors who have given to YALSA in the past and why they gave.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: n/a Additional Concerns or Comments: n/a Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Future of Teens and Libraries

Chair's Name: Adrienne Strock

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Board Liaison: Linda Braun

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Support the roll-out of The Future of Library Services for and with Teens report by prioritizing and overseeing implementation of the following activities. Secure article placements in various publications related to youth and/or libraries.

Encourage further discussion via regular Twitter chats and programs at ALA conferences. Identify potential conferences to target beyond the YALSA/ALA community, and work with staff to coordinate a YALSA presence there. Oversee the creation of supplementary resources such as rubrics for GSLIS faculty and students, canned presentation materials, and one-sheet materials for specific audiences as well as for topics (i.e. what does the report mean for teen spaces, staffing, etc.).

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

In the past three months, the taskforce has:

1. Developed and hosted a panel discussion for ALA Annual's The Future of Library Services for and with Teens session 2. Wrote a blog post reflecting on the session 3. Wrote articles for the Fall 2014 issue of YALS 4. Submitted a proposal for an ALA Annual 2015 session 5. Tweeted using #act4teens to generate excitement around the report 6. Begun working on supplemental materials for the Futures report

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Program
- Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our primary objective for the next three months is to create supplemental materials which will include canned presentations, factsheets and one-pagers for different audiences, and a few tools for YALSA members to use to develop their own plan for developing future library services for teens.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will likely write a blog post about the supplemental materials we are creating. We're open to other opportunities to write about our work and the report.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: It has been challenging to get a few of the TF members to get involved, so I'm changing tactics by setting up projects so that equal participation is mandatory (or at least strongly suggested) in the future.

It's a busy group that has had trouble deciding what to do when, so I'm taking on a more direct-decision making role which is a bit out of my comfort zone. I prefer to lead through collaborative decision-making.

Additional Concerns or Comments: I've been grateful to have two great and supportive board liaisons!

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Local Arrangements Committee (SF 2015)

Chair's Name: Hannah Gomez

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Board Liaison: Gretchen Kolderup

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with YALSA's Web Services Manager prior to the conference to create and disseminate online marketing materials that promote YALSA's presence at the ALA Annual Conference To plan and implement YALSA local arrangements activities in close cooperation with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events, including assisting on-site with logistics for YALSA events and overseeing teen participation for the ALA Annual Conference. Committee members aren't expected to attend Midwinter, but are expected to attend Annual. Committee size: 5 - 7, including one member designated as Annual Youth Participation Coordinator. Term: 1 year, from July 1st through June 30th of the following year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? It has only been a few weeks for me, as I didn't receive a roster or a charge for quite a while. Since there were only two members besides me, I have spent the last couple weeks trying to recruit new members and informing the current members of the charge and the tasks ahead (they were hard to contact as they weren't checking their email). Next quarter the real work will start!

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Member Recruitment and Engagement Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To get started! It looks like I have two other people interested in joining, so we'll be able to start divvying up work and really deciding what direction we want to go. I will probably need more guidance about what we can expect for the actual days at Annual soon. Since it's been such a short while since I was actually able to start working (7/24), not much has happened except trying to get everyone on the same page.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Moving forward, we will do the regular blog posts we are charged with and figure out a plan for submitting items to YALSA E-News.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I had to contact a committee member via Twitter because she had provided YALSA with a work email and then wasn't checking it over the summer. That worked just fine.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Organization & Bylaws

Chair's Name: Sarah Townsend

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Board Liaison: Sarah Townsend

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To revise the Bylaws in order to clarify them and, when necessary, to recommend revision and amendment to improve them for the effective management of the division, for the achievement of its stated objectives, and to keep them in harmony with ALA Constitution and Bylaws; to study and review committee functions, recommending changes in committee structure; to advise on the organization handbook; and to make recommendations on other appropriate organizational matters.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

To revise the Bylaws in order to clarify them and, when necessary, to recommend revision and amendment to improve them for the effective management of the division, for the achievement of its stated objectives, and to keep them in harmony with ALA Constitution and Bylaws; to study and review committee functions, recommending changes in committee structure; to advise on the organization handbook; and to make recommendations on other appropriate organizational matters.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices

- Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

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What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? If we are able to move forward with reviewing the website it would perhaps be great to put up a blog post at least to solicit membership feedback.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None Additional Concerns or Comments: Eager to receive further direction since our current task list assignment is being covered by the Selection Committee Taskforce Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Publications Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Monique Delatte Starkey

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Board Liaison: Linda Braun

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To assist with the development of a publications program in the areas of young adult services and materials; identify topics to be covered and potential authors; to regularly review all YALSA publications in all formats and make recommendations to the YALSA Web Services Manager regarding those needing revision or elimination. Committee size: 6 virtual members including at least two members from the previous year. Term: 2 years, commencing after Annual and ending after Annual.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

YALSA members gained clarity re: publishing opportunities. Committee members were introduced to the new committee chair.

(From outgoing chair, Sarah Flowers, "This past year, the committee worked on updating the list of publications on YA topics, and wrote a few pieces for the blog about publishing with YALSA. I responded to some emails from members that resulted from the latter.")

Since beginning my term as chair [after ALA Annual, 2014], 1) I responded to an inquiry re: publications. I contacted Beth Yoke for that information; 2) I emailed the committee members to introduce myself; & 3) I attended an online training session for new committee chairs.)

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Member Recruitment and Engagement Which strategies were used for the above action areas?

Select as many as

apply.:

- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

We will begin to coordinate with the incoming communication specialist for YALSA, Anna Lam, to determine how to best serve the needs of YALSA and YALSA members.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will start to plan with the incoming communication specialist for YALSA, Anna Lam, to decide what info should be communicated with YALSA members.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/A Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Selection Committee Processes Evaluation Taskforce

Chair's Name: Pam Spencer Holley

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Board Liaison: Jack Martin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The purpose of the taskforce is to review the current operations and outputs of YALSA selection and award committees, identifying best practices, and advising potential courses of action to improve 1) committee work processes, 2) the committees' work output, and 3) the overall volunteer experience for appointees. Activities include 1) seeking recent chair feedback in order to create an overview of how the committees are functioning; 2) identifying opportunities to standardize committee processes, policies and procedures, where possible; 3) further investigating the recommendations that the board ad-hoc group on selection committees put forward at Midwinter 2014; 4) seeking member feedback on the degree to which the existing lists and awards support their readers' advisory and collection development work in a timely and effective manner and whether there are any gaps or overlap in what YALSA provides; and 4) compiling findings and making recommendations to the board by Midwinter 2015. Task force term: commencing immediately and ending January 31, 2015.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Templates for each committee [based on suggestion from 2010 O&B Committee] have been reworked with comments re: missing information.

Questions for chair survey have been written, are being collated and organized by topic, almost ready to be resent to task force before being written up in Survey Monkey format.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices

- Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

After chair survey is administered, results will be evaluated, and suggestions noted. Relevant questions will be incorporated into member survey.

Plan to ask a subcommittee of TF to begin working on possible for an awards/selection list advisory committee, with understanding that Board members may not want to give up their liaison responsibilities. It would be helpful if each Board member would evaluate their interaction with award/selection committee chairs over this next three month cycle to determine what role they want to play in the interaction.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Until we develop a list of suggestions, do not plan to share anything unless Board thinks we should.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Task force members are doing a good job. My schedule has been wacky in July and August, but things are now slowing down. We just keep moving along.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Had my first conference call with another of Jack's liaison chairs - great for me to pump Sophie Brookover with questions about virtual Edwards Committee. Think this is a good idea, but have to get one computer back on track with google - it's off to the computer fixer-upper for more evaluation. Next, Google Hangout. Jack is trying to work with me - please send him a gold star for his efforts!

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Strategic Planning Committee

Chair's Name: Joy Kim

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Board Liaison: Joy Kim

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with the YALSA Board throughout the strategic planning process and in between planning cycles, including but not limited to: connecting with members to ensure an inclusive planning process, monitoring the implementation strategy for the current strategic plan, communicating the goals of the plan to the general membership and to official member groups, gathering information for the board to use to measure progress during implementation and encouraging members and member groups to take an active role in helping YALSA achieve its goals.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

- On June 30, the committee facilitated a member strategic planning session (“Deciding What’s Next for YALSA”) at ALA Annual 2014 in Las Vegas. A report with a brief summary and raw data was submitted to the YALSA Board via email on August 13.

- In July, the task force began work on revising the member survey for the strategic planning process. We held a Google Hangout on July 18 to discuss revisions and promotion plans. The draft survey was submitted to Beth on July 22. We are currently awaiting notice from Beth on when it will be ready to go live. Once we know the launch date, we will proceed with plans to promote the survey to members and nonmembers via the YALSA E-News, the YALSA blog, listservs, and social media.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

- Open surveys (member, nonmember, and lapsed member) for a period of three weeks as part of the planning process.

- Promote surveys through YALSA E-news, YALSA blog, listservs, and social media. The schedule will be determined once we have a launch date for the survey.

- Once the survey closes, analyze results of the survey and write a summary report for the YALSA Board. Share survey results with the membership.

- Determine whether a perception survey or a Virtual Town Hall are needed to drill down on survey results; work with President and Executive Director to implement those steps if it is determined they are needed.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? - Promotion of Strategic Planning surveys and survey results in E-News and YALSA Blog. I've touched base with Crystle about these proposed blog posts, but we can't plan dates until we know when the survey will be open.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments: We'd originally hoped to launch the member survey on July 9. With the time it took to fill the vacancies on the roster and then work with the new members that was an overly ambitious timeline. We have some wiggle room in the timeline to catch up, but I am concerned that we're already this far behind schedule.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

CONTINUOUS LEARNING

2014 YA Literature Symposium Marketing & Planning Taskforce

Chair's Name: Valerie Davis

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Board Liaison: Gretchen Kolderup

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To assist YALSA staff with the planning, marketing and implementation of YALSA's Young Adult Literature Symposium, including the creation and maintenance of an online social networking site (via Ning) that will be the primary marketing tool for the event, vetting symposium papers and proposals, vetting scholarship applications and more. Members will regularly add content to the social networking site in order to build excitement for and share information about the event.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Stipends were discussed, vetted and chosen for both the student and worker option. Winners contacted via phone, all others were contacted via emails. Press releases created. Discussed closing speakers. Assignments were given out to create informational snippets for programs that could be used to promote on listservs and YALSA sites.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Publication
- Other (Please explain below)

other: We are using listserv's and the Ning website to promote the symposium.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to promote the symposium, starting to use the hub or newsletter to promote specific programs. Continue to use state listservs to promote the symposium.

Accomplish any tasks as given. Culminating in attending the conference and working whatever is needed there.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We are going to send articles to the hub or the YALSA newsletter to promote specific programs.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: There was one concern after the possible need for a member to step down. Was quickly and easily resolved with the help of Nichole.

Additional Concerns or Comments: none

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

2015 YA Literature Symposium Marketing and Planning Taskforce

Chair's Name: Jane Gov

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Board Liaison: Gretchen Kolderup

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To assist YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events with the planning, marketing and implementation of an annual teen services conference, including the creation and maintenance of an online social networking site that will be the primary marketing tool for the event, vetting papers and proposals, vetting scholarship applications and more. Members will regularly add content to the social networking site in order to build excitement for and share information about the event.

Members will work with YALSA's Communications Specialist to create and assist with the implementation of a marketing plan. Members will work with presenters leading up to the event to ensure high quality programs on a full range of topics relating to teen services.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have finalized three theme ideas with subtitles and a short blurb for each.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will refine call for proposals, evaluate feedback from the last symposium, update the website, and focus on marketing and call for papers and proposals.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Our theme ideas could very well be expanded into a book after next year.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Editorial Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Linda W Braun

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Board Liaison: Linda W Braun

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To serve as advisor to the editor of YALS on the content of the print journal and online presence which may include identifying timely topics for print and/or web articles, developing content for the online journal site, and generating ideas for topical or theme issues when requested from the editor. To assist with the search process for a new editor, when appropriate.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have just started planning for the re-launch of the YALS site. In July a couple of EAB members were able to participate in a short Google Hangout. Following that we emailed about the process of the work. The fall

2104 issue files have been uploaded to our ALA Connect space and Board members are deciding on topics to post about on the YALS site starting in mid-October. Each member is adding their ideas to a Google Doc and signing up for posts/topics that they are interested in.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement
- Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above

action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We plan to use the same structure for future issues of the journal and for planning website content. I'll post the files on the ALA Connect space, Board members will brainstorm ideas for information to post on the YALS site, Board members will sign-up to post and plan for specific ideas.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Once we start posting content on the YALS site we'll make sure to get the word out regularly for the YALSA e-news.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/A Additional

Concerns or Comments: N/A Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Continuing Ed Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Portia Latalladi

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Board Liaison: Maureen Hartman

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To provide feedback to YALSA's Program Officer for Continuing Education on: 1) appropriate and timely topics for continuing education

offerings and 2) identifying qualified individuals to facilitate continuing education sessions. To assist Nicole Munguia with CE as requested with promoting CE opportunities and recognizing the contribution of facilitators, presenters, etc.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We will meet virtually before the end of August to analyze the results of the CE and trainer's survey and will present our findings to the board prior to the September 9th board meeting.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply: Program

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Between Oct. and Jan. the committee will work with Nicole Munguia, YALSA's Program Officer for CE, to implement any actions requested by YALSA's board.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Suggestions for new webinars Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 5: Not Accomplished Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments: As we are just beginning our work, there is nothing to report regarding the past three months; however, in the upcoming three months, the committee will be actively involved in analyzing the CE and trainer's survey to develop webinars that will be beneficial to YALSA members.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Mentoring Task Force

Chair's Name: Gail Tobin

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Board Liaison: Maureen Hartman

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Review applications submitted for the YALSA 2014-15 mentoring program to determine applicants' eligibility. Using information provided in mentor and protégé applications select and match mentors and protégés from those applicants who are eligible. Submit selections/matches to YALSA's Program Officer for Continuing Education.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The task force completed its charge of evaluating and matching mentors and protégés and submitted them. The task force had a very short turn-around time on completing our task and all of the task force members were excellent to work with. They all responded quickly and contributed to the group.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will review the mentoring program and suggested mentor / protégé projects for revisions for next year's program.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None at this time.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

2015 Award Nominating Committee

Chair's Name: Teri Lesesne

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Board Liaison: Beth Yoke

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The YALSA Awards Nominating Committee is charged with developing a slate of candidates for the award committees of the association. The Committee develops a slate for the Michael L. Printz Award (8 candidates), the Excellence in Nonfiction Award (8 candidates), and the Margaret A. Edwards Award (6 candidates).

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

1. Solicited and received nominations
2. Posted nominations to ALA Connect for comments from committee members
3. Contacted all nominees with the ethics and social networking policy
4. Received confirmation from nominees about receipt of policies
5. Participated in conference call with Beth Yoke, Chris Shoemaker, and Priscille Dando.
6. Vetted all nominees with Letitia Smith to be sure they are all current members and are eligible to be included on the ballot.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? I have requested committee member feedback and given a deadline for their comments and suggestions.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None at this point.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: To date, despite emails, only ONE committee member has read the nomination forms. I will contact everyone again, but

this has been the response since the beginning of the committee's work. Only Allison Tran at this point has responded.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Honestly, if committee members do not respond, I do not know what to do.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

2015 Margaret A. Edwards Award Committee

Chair's Name: Sophie Brookover

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Board Liaison: Jack Martin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select a living author or co-author, as well as a specific body of his or her work, who has made a significant and lasting contribution to literature for young adults. The book or books should be accepted by young people as an authentic voice that continues to illuminate their experiences and emotions, giving insight into their lives.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

The 2015 MAE Award Committee continues to evaluate and discuss our pool of potential winning authors. We have narrowed a rather substantial field down to a Top 13, whose work and we are discussing in light of the Award criteria and will be narrowing our choices down further in the fall, with a goal of sending in a Top 5 to the YALSA Office in early December.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Collaboration
- Other (Please explain below)

other: We've been putting our own librarian skills and those of reference departments around the country to the test working to establish the most comprehensive lists of works in print by some of our authors. Everyone on the committee has been learning to use the Adobe Connect virtual meeting software.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

We will continue to use the MAE listserv and live virtual meetings in Adobe Connect - we appreciate the offer of using YALSA's account, but MPOW has an account that we have been using for several months now, so we'll just continue with that. As noted above, our main goal is winnowing down our list of Top 13 authors to a final list of Top 5 in December, which will set us up nicely heading into Midwinter Meeting in Chicago.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I have been in touch with Hub Manager Allison Tran and will be submitting a call for nominations. We've received a few field nominations already, all of which have yielded good, reasoned conversation among the committee.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: No concerns here - everyone has been very responsive regarding their summer vacation plans, which helped tremendously while I was creating our author discussion schedule for this quarter.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Although this is a virtual committee, other ALA business will bring fully half of my committee (including myself) to Chicago for Midwinter Meeting in January. We would like to book a meeting room so that we can hold an all-committee meeting, looping in our colleagues who are not attending MW via Adobe Connect or conference call. I'm confident that we will be able to make this arrangement work very well, as it has been effective throughout our term to date. Meeting in one of our own hotel rooms is not conducive to this kind of work due to reasons of room size and the importance of maintaining confidentiality. Many of us share hotel rooms with colleagues, and we don't wish to inconvenience them. Additionally, voices carry out into the hall. It would be more appropriate to use a meeting room like those scheduled for other confidential award committees. When I served on Printz, our deliberations room was on the same corridor as committees such as Newbery, Morris, Caldecott and CSK, which contributed to an atmosphere of confidential collegiality. We are not requesting a large room, nor space for two full days of deliberations. I'm well aware that we will likely need just one long session to make our final choice (with at least one backup).

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

2015 Printz Award Committee

Chair's Name: Diane Colson

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Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select from the previous year's publications the best young adult book ("best" being defined solely in terms of literary merit) and, if the Committee so decides, as many as four Honor Books.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have been active on ALA Connect, posting our assessments of over 230 books. From these, we have 20 official nominations. At the Annual Conference in Las Vegas, we discussed 13 of our nominations.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Program
- Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

On August 10, we have planned a two-hour chat session to discuss three more of our nominated books; another is planned for September 7. We'll do a straw poll after I submit the official list of nominations as of September 15.

Of course, we'll continue reading and reporting on books as they are released.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I'll probably submit a blog post for YALSA Hub and YALS. It's time for another email to the yalsa bk-list as well. A simple link on our library's Facebook page did well, so maybe a couple more of those.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

One of our members had barely been participating before Annual. I had sent emails, and called her, always receiving assurances that all is well and she just hasn't posted her responses on ALA Connect. I spoke with her at length at Annual, suggesting that she concentrate on books with starred reviews, set a quota of one book a week, etc. Thus far, she has posted once, maybe twice, clearly not fulfilling her role as an active member.

I suspect she will participate in our upcoming chat session; she seems to thrive in a group setting. But I may need to speak with her individually and assign specific books for her to read.

Additional Concerns or Comments: I'm always worried that something will slip past! But I'm very pleased with the overall energy and enthusiasm of the group. They are willing to give any book a chance.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

2015 Nonfiction Award for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Sharon Rawlins

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Board Liaison: Krista McKenzie

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best non-fiction for young adults (ages 12-18) during a Nov. 1 – Oct. 31 publishing year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

[From May 2014 - August 2014] - I'm away in August so submitting this early - at the end of July instead)

The committee read books that were sent from publishers. We had tried Google Hangouts in April for one discussion but some people had some initial problems connecting and it was hard to talk and take notes at the same time.

So, we decided that it was easier to use Google Docs & the listserv to discuss books and post comments about the books. I did contact several publishers to request recently published books that we hadn't received.

They were sent in time to read to discuss at Annual. When we met at ALA Annual in Vegas I went over the criteria for the award with the committee. We discussed the fact that there is no mention of teen appeal in the award criteria. I made November 7, 2014 the deadline for nominations since the list of finalists is due at the end of November. We discussed all the books that had been nominated up to Annual and eliminated others from consideration during the discussions. I reiterated that in order to be included on the final vetted list, a nominated title needs to get positive votes from 6 of the 9 committee members. We are also going to create a Google Sheet from a Google Docs to list upcoming nonfiction books. This will be easier for everyone to add comments to than using Google Docs.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:
Research and Best Practices Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other: I'm never really sure how the award committee deliberations fits into these goals. We are selecting the "best" books out of the nonfiction books published and our discussions are a collaborative process.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We decided to have weekly chats, alternating weeknights and weekends, using ALA Connect. By doing this, we've eliminated a number of books in preparation for the influx of books to come in the fall. Since the ALA chat is archived, we have a record of what was discussed. I've scheduled the book titles a month in advance so that everyone will have the opportunity to read them before the discussion. We've had chats July 10th, 20th, & 31st. I will be away for most of August so I will try to have one the first week of August and the last. I plan to contact publishers to ask for specific books that we are interested in reading that we haven't received. I will also send another letter to publishers reminding them to send titles from late 2013 since they fit into our committee's purview and remind them again of the dates for consideration for the 2015 award. All committee members are to keep and share their lists of upcoming titles for all of us to consider and be on the lookout for. Gillian Engberg also contacted me to say she would send us a list of upcoming books of interest to us.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Another reminder that titles can be recommended from non-committee members.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I was a little concerned about one member who didn't seem to be contributing much on the Google Docs sheet but spoke to her privately and found out she's been ill and was on a medication that made it difficult to read a lot. She assured me that it was only temporary and she would catch up and by Annual she had - and has continued to since.

Additional Concerns or Comments: So far, the committee is working extremely well & almost all members are contributing to the Google Docs, & all are contributing to the discussions online or chat through ALA Connect. Our discussions during Annual were also very productive.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Alex Awards Committee

Chair's Name: Paige Battle

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Board Liaison: Carla Land

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select and provide annotations for ten books from the previous year's publications written for adults which have special appeal for young adults, ages 12 through 18, and to compile and annotate a list of official nominees.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Members continued to be active in requesting, reading and reviewing titles.

Statistics for the 2nd quarter are as follows:

- * Total Books Requested: 64
- * Total Books Reviewed: 72
- * Total Eligible Nominations: 38 (field nominations need a second reader)
- * Eligible Field Nominations: 21
- * Committee Nominations: 17

At ALA Annual, committee members participated in two meetings to discuss the 22 titles that had met the nomination deadline of June 5th and provide feedback on requested, but not yet reviewed, titles on our committee's spreadsheet.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Program
- Publication
- Outreach
- Other (Please explain below)

other:

The 2014 Alex Awards presentation at Annual provided a wonderful opportunity for audience members to learn about winner John Searles' writing background and the research that went into his winning title *Help for the Haunted*.

Thank you notes were written to both the author and the publisher for their time and the donation of copies provided at the event.

I submitted a blog post to The Hub (published on July 8th) detailing the event for readers who were not able to attend.

A notice placed in the July 23rd YALSA E-news that reminded readers they could submit titles for the committee's consideration generated several field submission forms.

Several YALSA members have emailed me questions regarding submitting a volunteer form for Alex Awards committee consideration. I have provided detailed answers on what being a committee member involves and offered to answer further questions that might arise.

Current committee member Angela Craig and I had an in-depth phone conversation to discuss the work involved for being committee chair of the Alex Awards. She submitted a volunteer form for consideration, and I sent a letter of recommendation to Candice Mack supporting Angela's application.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to request, review, and nominate titles for the 2015 Alex Awards. At the end of August, we will begin submitting monthly reading surveys and attending monthly Google hangouts to further discuss our charge and nominated titles.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I will coordinate with Allison Tran, YALSA's The Hub blog member manager, to see about writing a post on submitting field nominations before the November 30th deadline.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: There is a slight concern with two committee members requesting many titles while still having many received titles waiting for review. I will be contacting the members individually to send a gentle, but firm message that the time has come to buckle down on reading what has been received and to hold off on submitting any more requests. I will make the suggestion that if one of the committee members comes across an interesting title they could put it out to the whole group as a title to investigate and possibly request.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Colleen Seisser

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Board Liaison: Jennifer Korn

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select, annotate, and present for publication an annual list of notable audio recordings significant to young adults from those released in the past two years.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

June: We received many shipments this month, including one from Brilliance, a publisher that has been pretty elusive this month. At the beginning of this month, I asked members to focus on their listens that were nominations so that we could have plenty to discuss at our committee meeting at the ALA Annual Conference. Additionally, a few members needed to some help in catching up with their assignments. Luckily, other members were catching up with all their assignments, so I simply reassigned a few titles.

This month we were also approached by the YALSA Blog manager to create posts for YALSA blog about the AAYA committee. Unfortunately, due to the timing of the upcoming ALA conference, we had to postpone the work. As of writing this, we almost have one post done. I hope to have all posts done by September. It has been difficult to do this as a group, mostly due to it being summertime and many members taking vacations at various times.

At the end of June all members attended the ALA Annual Conference. Our meeting ran very smoothly, despite some technical difficulties with our room setup (which were promptly reported to Nichole O'Connor), and we were able to have some great discussions about titles. This included eliminating some titles from our current nomination list, which will help us as we go into the final list selection at Midwinter. I was also able to connect with many publishers on the exhibit floor, alongside Dawn Rutherford the current Odyssey chair. We were able to touch base with what we think were the majority of audiobook publishers. We expressed our concern of the lack of submissions this year. We made a few new contacts, but they have not really panned out too much. Unfortunately, many responses from publishers who are not submitting was due to

the fact that they use Audible to produce audiobooks. Thus far, both Dawn and I have not been able to figure out how to access those titles produced by Audible.

July: Things proceeded pretty smoothly in July. There were not many submissions, though I did have a couple of shipments that did not make it to all the members. Those were easily resolved by contacting the publisher. We also had a member change their address, so I had our administrative assistant check-in with all the publishers, letting them know that our current nominations were posted and that the roster needed to be updated.

I also worked with my new YALSA Board Liaison to solve a question about challenging no votes that was proposed by a member at our meeting at Annual.

Here's the solution:

The member who does not agree with the no vote will listen to the audiobook in its entirety and then email the ya-media list with a statement of why the title deserves to be reconsidered. All members will then weigh in on whether they agree. If there is a majority agreement then the audio will be reconsidered (a majority is at least 6 members). the administrative assistant will change the title to a nomination and assign five additional listeners, and it will proceed as all of our other nominated titles do. The member who challenged the title will write up their nomination vote in our Connect space (just like they were voting yes on a first listen). The administrative assistant will also enter the title as an assigned and voted on title for the member who challenged the no vote. However, the original first listener (who voted no) will be allowed to participate in the discussions at Midwinter about the title, and can comment in the Connect discussion regarding the title.

A word of caution though: PLEASE only use this reconsideration process in an audio that you feel strongly for and want to go to bat for--meaning you will fight for it to make our final list. I really want to avoid anyone falling behind in their assigned listening because they are going back and checking all the no votes to find titles to challenge. I know many of you are not interested in doing so, but I know that would be tempting to me. Also, I know that a challenge to a vote can feel personal, but let's remember that we want to put out the best list that we can at the end of this year. Respect is needed on both sides of this process.

I also participated in an online meet up with the current Odyssey Chair and Notable Children's Recordings to discuss issues we may be encountering, as well as the lack of publisher submissions this year.

August: Not much happened so far this month, except for some additional shipments at the beginning of the month. I also, as of writing this, on a two week vacation. So, I don't anticipate much activity aside from more submissions coming in and a lot of listening!

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Publication

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Members will listen to publisher submitted titles, including focusing more on nominated titles for our final list as the year winds down. Colleen will encourage members to continue to look for titles to consider, and also spread the word about field nominations on the various lines of communication available to selection committees by YALSA. Melanie, our administrative assistant, will continue to be in touch with publishers and keep the line of communication open so that we can ensure that they submit titles to our committee for consideration. The committee will start preparation for the ALA Midwinter Conference.

Possibly, this will mean that some straw votes or online meetups may begin in November, once our submission deadline is past. Colleen also hopes to continue to work on streamlining and building an open communication with publishers when it comes to digital submissions of titles, though as the year winds down that seems to be less than likely. There has been a definite decrease in digital submissions from last year.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We plan to submit a call for field suggestions for audiobooks for the committee to consider. We also plan to submit the monthly list of our current nominations. We will also have blog posts published for YALSA blog about our Amazing Audiobooks Committee and what we do.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: A few members fell behind with their listening at the beginning of this summer, but when titles were reassigned, members were able to catch up. Currently, most members are listening at a good rate, with a couple exceeding expectations!

Additional Concerns or Comments: There are none at this time.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Best Fiction for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Michael Cart

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Board Liaison: Carla Land

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select from the year's publications, significant fiction books (excluding graphic novels) published for young adults and to annotate the selected titles.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The Committee held three meetings at the Annual Conference in Las Vegas at one of which 59 local and area teens were welcomed to participate in the popular Teen Feedback session. Two straw polls were conducted to guide and focus the Committee's discussions. The meetings were not only productive in terms of work accomplished but also as an exercise in bonding and building a salutary sense of collegiality.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development

- Capacity Building and Organizational Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: The Committee's open meetings invite audience observation and raise the profile of young adult literature generally and excellent titles in particular. The Teen Feedback session is an excellent opportunity for teen involvement in the process and in reading and evaluating nominated titles.

It's extremely gratifying to see the excitement the teens bring to their book discussions.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The Committee will continue reading widely to ascertain the best of the current books and to discuss their reading and titles nominated using ALA Connect.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None are contemplated at this time.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None Additional Concerns or Comments: I'm exceedingly pleased with the work of this committee and with its always insightful analysis of nominated titles.

Also notable is the sense of camaraderie that developed during our meetings at Annual.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Books For Teens Jury

Chair's Name: Nicole Scherer

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Board Liaison: Nicola McDonald

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Work with YALSA's Web Services Manager and Web Advisory Committee to help promote the Books for Teens project and inform members of the opportunity to receive funds. Vet applications for the Books for Teens project with the goal of selecting the winners, as funds become available.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Jury members have continued to promote Books for Teens, as well as encouraged non-YALSA members who are interested in applying to join so they can benefit from all the great services YALSA provides in addition to grant opportunities.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To increase our level of promotion in the hopes of receiving grant applications. This will include submitting information to YALSA E-News.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We hope to increase general awareness of the project and will continue to work towards that goal.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Conference and Travel Scholarships Jury

Chair's Name: Sarah Wethern

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Board Liaison: Nicola L. McDonald

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with YALSA's Web Services Manager to widely promote the scholarship and to select annually three YALSA members who will receive funds to travel to the ALA Annual Conference. Two selectees will be librarians or library workers (one whose focus is school libraries and the other whose focus is public libraries) who work with or for young adults to receive the Baker & Taylor/YALSA Conference Scholarship, and to annually select one graduate student in the field of library and information science to receive the Dorothy Broderick Conference Scholarship. Promotion of the scholarships takes place from July through June. Judging the applications takes place Dec. and Jan. Term: July 1 through the following June. Jury size: 5 virtual members, including the chair and at least one member from the previous year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have done introductions and recently I am attempting to start a discussion about where to best promote these scholarships to get the widest applicant pool.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To promote these three great scholarship opportunities to a wide variety of YALSA professionals, school librarians, and graduate students. We need to have a strong pool because judging takes place in December already.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Talking to members about how they can apply for one of these grant opportunities and to spread the message to library professionals who may be interested.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: As of right now, no major concerns.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

BWI/YALSA Collection Development Grant

Chair's Name: Melanie A. Lyttle

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Board Liaison: Krista R. McKenzie

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select annually two YALSA members who work in a public library and who work directly with young adults to receive the BWI/YALSA Collection Development Grant.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have introduced ourselves and are getting ready to start publicizing our grant in the next two months.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Member Recruitment and Engagement Which strategies were used for the above action areas?

Select as many as

apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: We're getting to know each other as colleagues before the work of our committee begins in earnest.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will be publicizing the grant since all of this must be completed before the end of this year.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will be trying to use as many communication outlets as possible to let the YALSA members know that they can apply for the grant.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Great Books Giveaway Jury

Chair's Name: Kelly Chaney

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Board Liaison: Nicola McDonald

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The function of the Great Book Giveaway Award Jury is to judge applications for the YALSA Great Book Giveaway Award.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee has introduced themselves via email and has logged on to ALA Connect to see what is available. There has been a news blurb about the award in the YALSA e-news. The committee members have been encouraged to share information about the award on state and national listservs and at meetings they attend.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Advocacy and Activism Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Publication

- Outreach

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Writing for the YALSA blog in September. Including information in the YALSA eNews in October and November. Continuing to use listservs and social media to spread info about applying for the award.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Writing for the YALSA blog in September about the benefits of applying for the award. Including information in the YALSA eNews in October and November with the link to apply and the qualifications. Continuing to use listservs and social media to spread info about applying for the award.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Everyone has checked in and is aware of our space on ALA Connect.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Graphic Novels for Teens

Chair's Name: Marcus Lowry

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Board Liaison: Krista McKenzie

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

CHARGE: To prepare an annual annotated list of recommended graphic novels appropriate for teen readers.

PURPOSE OF LIST:

The list presents graphic novels published in the past 16 months that are recommended reading for teens aged twelve to eighteen. It is a general list of graphic novels, both fiction and nonfiction, selected for proven or potential appeal to the personal reading tastes of teens.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? I followed up with publishers to get review copies or e-copies of nominated title before Annual. I sent out a straw poll to see where stood before the meeting. We met for two days during Annual, and had a great

discussion about what make a graphic novel great. We currently have 65 official nominations and 3 field nominations.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Program
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will all be reading as many graphics as we can to be able to nominate titles before the Oct 31st deadline.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We just published an article about being on a committee for the first time for the Hub.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: It's going really well. The first year members were quiet during the first day of Annual, but by the end of day two, all members were participating in the discussion.

Additional Concerns or Comments: This is a great group to work with on such an interesting committee!

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

MAE Award Jury

Chair's Name: Tony Carmack

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Board Liaison: Carrie Kausch

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To promote the MAE Award for Young Adult Reading or Literature Program and solicit applications; and to annually select a recipient, when a suitable winner is indicated.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? As a virtual committee, our group has introduced each other through e-mails, and each member has suggested one or more venues in which may promote application for the award. We are in the process of scheduling a phone conference (for mid-September) where we'll further discuss promotion of the award, and we'll establish responsibilities for contacts.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Advocacy and Activism Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Program
- Publication
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We'll establish division of tasks and start sending press releases for the MAE Award to appropriate agencies and social media platforms.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? A press release about the MAE Award for Young Adult Literature and an interview with last year's MAE Award recipient.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Morris Award

Chair's Name: Robin Fogle Kurz

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Board Liaison: Rachel McDonald

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select and annotate from the previous year's publications a short list of five of the best young adult books written by a first time author, then to select one winner from among the five.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Our list of official nominated titles has grown considerably and we had extensive and engaging conversations at the Annual Conference meeting.

Field nominations have also increased over the first part of the year and books continue to arrive almost daily from publishers.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
 - Member Recruitment and Engagement
 - Capacity Building and Organizational Development
- Which strategies were used for the above

action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We have long meetings scheduled for September, October, and November. These meetings will be held in Google Hangouts. The committee will continue reading eligible and nominated titles in preparation for these meetings and for selecting our finalists in early December.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? We will continue to solicit field nominations via social media.

Committee member Stephanie also plans to write a "What it's like to serve on Morris?" blog post, which will be completed by mid-September. As a committee, we decided this would be more effective than a history-focused piece.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Half of the committee is reading below the levels necessary for the committee (the other half is reading far above expectations, thankfully). After trying to address this issue with the group as a whole in multiple meetings and through email, I conferred with Nichole and am having individual telephone conversations with everyone on 8/17 and

8/18 to talk about reading expectations, ways to prioritize reading, etc. I have also asked Rachel for her input on helping these conversations go smoothly.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Odyssey Award

Chair's Name: Dawn Rutherford

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Board Liaison: Rachel McDonald

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States, and to also select honor titles.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

As of Annual we had 11 nominated titles. At conference we narrowed this group down to 3 serious contenders. Since then 3 more titles have been nominated for the whole group to listen to.

Of the 191 titles submitted by publishers and assigned to the committee members, 111 have been removed from consideration. 37 of assigned titles arrived since the beginning of August, plus another 22 titles that have not been assigned.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Advocacy and Activism Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? I've strongly encouraged committee members to get ahead in their listening in anticipation of a flood of fall titles, but it is unclear if they have taken this seriously, or are all swept up in summer reading programs and haven't had time to report. At the end of these three months I hope to have had all titles considered, all nominations heard by the entire group, and be ready to listen and read-along to our final set of contenders.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None. We are a closed group.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

I still have concerns about a particular member, who hasn't posted to ALA Connect for two months. I found out at conference that she recently retired due to a stroke, which makes me feel bad about harping on her. But she hasn't responded to my emails this summer, and I am considering reassigning titles she left hanging from the spring to one of my fast readers.

This one other low participator. She votes no on most titles (which in the end is what we want, I suppose), and has the lowest hours logged for the committee (109).

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Jeanette Johnson

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Board Liaison: Sarah Townsend

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually prepare one to five annotated list(s) of approximately twenty-five recommended paperback titles, selected from popular genres, themes or topics.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Our committee had been diligently reading our nominated titles and reviewing them on ALA Connect. On July 1 we reopened for another round of nominations.

Currently, we have 133 committee nominations and 9 field nominations. We are continuing to read to nominate as well as reviewing the nominated titles.

During the month of June we issued straw polls in each category and in July we discussed the results of the mixed titles. We eliminated 5 titles from Book to Movie, 10 from Mystery, 2 from Lock up and 4 from Narrative non-fiction.

We had a write up in "The Hub" on July 17th

http://www.yalsa.ala.org/thehub/2014/07/17/popular-paperbacks-movies-mysteries-and-more/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+yalsathehub+%28The+Hub%29

We will have another submission on our Mystery category in September. I am also re-submitting our piece about nominations being open again to the weekly YALSA e-mail. We also updated the nomination list on the PPYA website.

I had three emails about individuals who were interested in our PPYA committee. I gave them our timelines and talked about being completely virtual. They were all very excited and I hope they applied. I would be happy to recommend Erin Cataldi, Anna Tschetter, and Morgan Brickey as future committee members.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to read to nominate as well as read nominated titles. We will continue to discuss our thoughts on ALA Connect. In October a straw poll will go out for titles in the Book to Movie and Mystery categories. They will be followed by a group discussion on the mixed results. In November we will hold the straw poll for Lock Up and Narrative Non-Fiction. They will also be followed by a group discussion on the mixed results. Nominations will close again November 30. We will be updating our nomination list each month on the PPYA page.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Our next Hub submissions go out in September and November. I received an email about the new Pinterest site and would like to see if we can add something to that about our committee.

There will be an article on nominations being open again in the YALSA e-news and YALSA blog.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments: My new Board liaison Sarah Townsend reached out to me right away. We have exchanged a few emails and I am including her on all my committee emails and updates.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers

Chair's Name: Jennifer Fairchild

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Board Liaison: Carla Land

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually prepare an annotated list of recommended books appropriate for reluctant young adult readers.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Concluding our nomination period at the end of May, members took time to focus on reading and evaluating all nominated titles in preparation for the Annual meeting. In June, we met in person in Las Vegas and discussed over 70 fiction and non-fiction titles. We were able to establish a rapport with one another in person, set guidelines for meetings, clarify policy and procedures, and discuss what to expect at the Midwinter 2015 meeting. Since the conclusion of our meeting in June, members have finding and reading titles to nominate as well as discussing titles online.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Publication
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? During the next three months members will focus on finding, reading, evaluating, and nominating titles for consideration for the final list. Members will also focus on gathering teen feedback on titles to share with the group.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Current nominations have been posted to the YALSA website.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None at this time.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Student Member Engagement Task Force

Chair's Name: Mary Anne Nichols

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Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Work with YALSA staff to:

- 1) Inventory YALSA's online presence to identify content of specific interest to LIS students and promote this content via the student listserv, YALSA E-news, and other communication channels. Determine missing content and make recommendations for creating it;
- 2) Identify what LIS students learn in library school and where the gaps are that YALSA might address;
- 3) Compile a list of resume building resources, sample resumes, resume writing tips, FAQs, job search tips, etc. and post on YALSA's wiki;
- 4) Recommend additional special programming or resources YALSA might provide for LIS students by evaluating existing and conducting new surveys as needed to determine student needs;
- 5) Determine what additional ways beyond the mentoring program that YALSA can provide access to leadership development and experienced members.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

We have been holding regular chats via ALA Connect and Google Hangouts.

Members of the task force have been pushing out the information that we identified in the inventory. We have been using Twitter and identifying @yalsa and #yalsahiddengems4lis.

Thanks for YALSA for retweeting these. We originally started with a schedule for the tweets, but have asked members to make an effort to regularly do this now that we are accustomed to the routine and the information. We have tried to post some to the student listserv, but the traffic on that site is not heavy (or rather nonexistent).

We completed our compilation of job search resources and have begun to post these to the yalsa wiki. We will be able to expand on what is already there.

We discussed our other goals and ways to approach them. We have all read the YALSA Futures report and will frame the rest of our work with that in mind.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Member Recruitment and Engagement Which strategies were used for the above action areas?

Select as many as

apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: We have been working on our own documents to compile job resources - these will be posted to the wiki. We have been using Twitter to get the word out.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

We will file a request for board action asking the board to consider adding a student section to the YALSA website. This is a result of our inventory of the YALSA and ALA websites with regard to student member needs. This will be done in time for board consideration at their September call.

We will continue to add resources to the wiki. Once the wiki is to our liking, we will promote this new resource in a blog post or eNews.

It was decided that we would survey LIS students since our goal is ultimately to engage them. We will frame our questions with regard to the content in the YALSA Futures report. Prior to a survey, we would like to hold a twitter chat with students. We are beginning to work on this and will advertise it and our hashtag at the same time. The twitter chat will hopefully raise some issues and questions for the survey. We have begun a working doc to assemble our questions. These actions will help us reach our last goals.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

We are hoping to promote the information that we think is useful to student members by writing some blog posts or eNews articles and promote on Twitter.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

In the past, I have reported on a member with lack of participation. She realized that she had to resign due to an overload in personal and work responsibilities. This happened right before Annual so Shannon Peterson was notified. She informed Chris Shoemaker who informed me that he would work on a replacement since we have one year left on our term.

Teens' Top Ten

Chair's Name: Stacy Holbrook

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Board Liaison: Rachel McDonald

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To facilitate the exchange of information and galleys of books published within the current and previous publishing years among the voting teen group members as well as the non-voting members; to annually prepare the "Teens'

Top 10" list for Teen Read Week; and to coordinate the public electronic vote. To assist with the collection and vetting of applications from libraries who wish to host an official reading group.

Committee size: 7 virtual members including at least two members from the previous year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

* The outgoing chair worked to set up ways for each TTT teen group to post reviews of the galleys they read to The Hub; this will start in September

* The outgoing TTT committee created book trailers for all of the nominated books which have been added to the TTT website

* The new TTT committee chose assignments to work on throughout the year including: Marketing, Taking Statistics, and Advising the TTT Groups.

* The new TTT committee looked at the Advisor Procedures and FAQs documents on the TTT website to help make the language clear so that potential teen groups will understand the TTT process Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Member Recruitment and Engagement Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Publication

- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

- * To select the new teen groups (applications start August 15)
- * To market the TTT list to teens and librarians and encourage voting (August 15-October 19)
- * To continue the operations of the TTT committee--taking statistics, advising teen groups, marketing, etc.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

- * The application for the new teen groups
- * The voting for the TTT list
- * The TTT winner (during teen read week)
- * Reviews posted by TTT teen groups on The Hub Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I am having concerns with a few committee members since I have not heard from them in a while, and only a few have been active. As the summer winds down I plan to contact each committee member individually to make sure there are no questions or to see if there are ways in which I can help. I am hoping that summer vacations have just left them idle and they haven't "checked out"!

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Volunteer of the Year Award Jury

Chair's Name: Sarah Julsonnet

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Board Liaison: Krista R. McKenzie

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Work with YALSA's communications manager to promote and to solicit nominees for the following member awards for outstanding service to YALSA: 1) Chair of the Year 2) Member of the Year and 3) Member Group of the Year. Evaluate each nominee based on the nature and scope of accomplishment(s) and the degree of impact the work conducted has on advancing one or more goals in YALSA's Strategic Plan. Between December and January review the applications. Work with YALSA's communications Manager to issue a press release announcing the winners by Feb. 1st.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We started our term last month. I have contacted the group, introducing myself and explaining our jury goals.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: We'll be asking people to nominate candidates based on the Strategic Plan goals.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

July/August: Greet Committee, set up ALA Connect

August/September: Brainstorm ways to promote the awards, make a list. Ask members to divide the list, and to personally contact as many other committee chairs as they know to nominate someone.

October/November: Promote the award any way we can think of, from the YALSA Com list, the e-journal, state lists, etc.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? A bulletin promoting the award and asking for members to nominate those they think qualify.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I haven't heard from two of my committee members. I will be contacting them individually this week to make sure they're still able to participate.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Writing Award Jury

Chair's Name: David Wang

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Board Liaison: Carla Land

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Between December and January review the submissions forwarded to the jury by the editors and blog managers of each publication and select one winner per publication based on criteria outlined in the writing award's policies and procedures. Work with YALSA's communications manager to issue a press release announcing the winners by February 1st.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We had an informal group e-mail introduction in early July. Our directives (charges) were reiterated based on YALSA guidelines. I asked my jury members to keep track of the three journals/blogs of interest: Young Adult Library Services, the Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults, the YALSAblog, and The Hub: YALSA's YA Literature Blog. Finally, with the help of Letitia Smith we were able to setup an ALA Connect account where I posted an icebreaker.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the

above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will focus on reading, following and commenting on the contributions of our fellow YALSA members. I hope we will also be able to have discussions on interesting pieces without making any biased judgments. I believe that working on this jury also enables us to encourage strong writers and advocates among our colleagues to make a contributions to YALSA.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I am somewhat unclear about how we should promote ourselves without appearing to be impartial. I imagine that I am missing something here and will follow-up with my liaison and others to figure out what type of information we should be sharing with YALSA publications leading up to the review period.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Everything seems to be running smoothly. My biggest challenge as chair at the moment is trying to keep my jury members invested from now till late October.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

RESEARCH & BEST PRACTICES

2015 Summer Reading and Learning Taskforce

Chair's Name: Sarah Wethern

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Board Liaison: Vicki M. Emery

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To leverage state and local networks to promote the applications for summer reading grants. To vet the applicants for the summer reading mini grants and by Feb. 2, 2015, choose the 20 applications that best convey a plan to enhance their YA collection to support summer reading according to eligibility requirements and responses to questions on the application form. To vet the applicants for the summer intern grants and choose the 20 best by Feb.16. To compile and/or create resources focused specifically on assisting librarians implement summer reading and learning programs and activities and add them to YALSA's wiki as they are developed. To seed discussions and share resources on the Summer Reading and Learning Ning.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

I have been in contact with Anna Lam and she has issued two main goals for the committee (aside from promoting and awarding the summer reading grants and intern grants.

1. Arrange a Tweet-up for the end of August/early September discussing how to evaluate your library's summer reading program.
2. Increase activity on the summer reading Ning. I am currently talking with committee members about ideas they may have to do so. The responses have been a bit slow in coming but I am hoping as summer reading programs finish up, committee members may have a bit more time to devote to brainstorming.

So as of right now, we are mostly brainstorming on how to get the Ning more active and I am deciding on a date and working up ideas and questions (with the committee's help) for the tweet-up.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Arrange the final summer reading tweet-up in coordination with YALSA.

Start promoting the summer reading grants in order to have as many applicants as possible.

Brainstorm about better ways to promote the Ning site.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months?

Awareness of the Tweet-up date and time.

Promotion of the grants and getting the word out that YALSA is again offering mini summer reading grants.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: There just has not been a lot of discourse yet amongst committee members which I hope to change. I have more time to devote to the committee now that my own summer reading program is finished so I hope to do weekly updates to keep the committee members thinking. As of yet, I don't have any major concerns.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Board Standing Committee on Continuous Learning and Professional Development

Chair's Name: Maureen Hartman

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Board Liaison: N/A

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To provide leadership and oversight to the Continuous Learning and Professional Development goal in the YALSA strategic plan What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? + discussed the proposal that came to the Board at Annual regarding next steps for Partnerships and Collaborations. Discussed possible charge for group as well as possible re-focus of Continuing Education Advisory Board.

Working on a draft proposal for Board's September meeting.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? 1. complete proposal for board's discussion in September. 2) next steps to be determined following Board's discussion.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? could be some interesting opportunities to talk about results of members' CE survey Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: all three members participated in google hangout and off to a good start Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Hub Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Allison Tran

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Board Liaison: Joy Kim

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The Hub Advisory Board participates in the development and maintenance of the Hub and follows the guidelines for the site as set out by the YALSA Board of Directors. The Advisory Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Manager of the site and assists with the collection of content for the site, generates ideas for content, works on getting teen and librarian input and feedback, facilitates marketing and PR as needed, and writes for the site as needed.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

* Successfully completed the 2014 Hub Reading Challenge, with over 300 participants.

Announced the winner, contacted all challenge finishers to congratulate them, and we are currently in the process of publishing reader responses highlighting books challenge finishers particularly enjoyed.

* Coordinated and published timely coverage of programs and events related to YA lit at the ALA Annual Conference, highlighting YALSA's programs such as the Margaret A. Edwards Awards Brunch, YA Authors Coffee Klatch, and more.

* Worked with Anna Lam on the Teen Blogging Contest for Teen Read Week; the group is currently choosing the winning contestants and working to flesh out content ideas for the winning teen bloggers.

* Continued our effort to tie in more coverage of nonprint media with book-to-movie review posts and more posts matching up favorite TV characters with YA lit.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

* Publish 31 teen-contributed blog articles in celebration of Teen Read Week during the month of October.

- * Coordinate and publish author interviews with the Teens' Top Ten winning authors.
- * Coordinate coverage of YALSA's YA Lit Symposium for The Hub
- * Assess the effectiveness of this year's Hub Reading Challenge
- * Continue working with the YALSAblog manager to amplify our reach and improve our content by cross-posting, linking, and complementing one another's posts.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Possible calls for bloggers via the YALSA E-News Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: No concerns- all members have kept me in the loop about the summer schedules, and we came to the decision that working via email is more efficient than scheduling real-time chats—we are progressing well via email.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Makerspace Resource Task Force

Chair's Name: Erica Compton

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Board Liaison: Joy Kim

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The taskforce will create a variety of resources to help members learn about the maker movement and how libraries can be a part of it in order to increase their value in their community. Activities include: creating a "Making in Libraries" toolkit to be released in conjunction with 2014's Teen Tech Week; implementing a maker programming contest during summer 2014 for members to highlight best practices; maintaining the maker page on YALSA's public wiki on an ongoing basis and encouraging members to contribute to the content there; as requested by the YALSAblog Manager, identify bloggers to regularly create maker related posts; as requested by the YALS Editor, identify authors to write maker related articles.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The taskforce submitted the finalized Maker Contest to YALSA for release early summer. Members continued to blog on taskforce activities and events. New content has also been added to the Wiki.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Program
- Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The taskforce's duties are winding down. We have been asked to create content for a poster on makerspace "rules" or guidelines. This is due to YALSA on 8/20. We will also continue to submit blogs as relevant to our work.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Continue to promote the contest as appropriate. Complete the assignment on creating content for a poster.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Overall everything has gone well and members are as active as needed.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Midwinter Paper Presentation Planning

Chair's Name: Sandra Hughes-Hassell

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Board Liaison: Vicky Emery

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Plan and implement an annual research-focused paper presentation to be given at the Midwinter Meeting on a topic of general interest to those who work with young adults in libraries, including: working with YALSA's Web Services Manager to promote the call for papers, vetting the applicants and working with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events to plan the presentation at Midwinter.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

We reviewed the 8 proposals that were submitted and selected Mega Subramaniam's paper entitled "Designing the library of the future for and with teens: Librarians as the 'Connector' in connected learning" to be presented at Midwinter 2015. Mega has been notified and is in correspondence with me and with Nichole to make the arrangements and to develop a press release which will go out in September. I have also notified Denise Agosto so that she can work with Mega to submit her paper to JRLYA.

I sent personal emails to each of the 7 individuals whose papers were not selected. I recommended that they consider submitting their papers to JRLYA.

The committee members have provided me with feedback on the rubric we used for the process.

Here is the abstract for Mega's paper:

The Future of Library Services for and with Teens Report

(<http://www.ala.org/yaforum/future-library-services-and-teens-project-report>)

calls for reimagining the position of libraries to promote the three spheres of learning among digital youth (interest driven, peer-supported and academically-oriented) as described in the connected learning model.

Digitally excluded youth, who often come from low socio-economic backgrounds, immigrant families and minority groups struggle to formulate these connections as access, literacy and support from adult mentors are often lacking, compared to their privileged counterparts. To build librarians'

capacity to encourage connected learning among the digitally excluded, librarians will need to offer programs and services that meet these youth where they are at, and inspire them to push

their current boundaries of learning. Surveys, interviews, and forming a youth advisory council are no longer sufficient when designing youth programs. Instead, it is time to involve the young people themselves as co-designers.

In this paper presentation, the author will present an analysis of methods used to design learning technologies and programs in areas such as learning sciences, human-computer interaction, and public health, which in turn can be adopted to design library programs, space, and services for digitally excluded youth. A thorough examination of two decades of research literature on participatory design approaches used in various fields yields numerous methods that have potential for librarians. These include cooperative inquiry, bonded design inquiry, participatory action, community-based participation, group storytelling, persona exercises, and others. More specifically, the author will highlight how these methods allow seamless exploration into the spheres of the connected learning model. The analysis also generates concrete recommendations on how to execute these methods with youth, through the sharing of potential use-case scenarios. Attendees will leave the presentation with techniques they can use to design the library of the future for and with teens.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:
Research and Best Practices Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:
Program
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? I will work with Mega and Nichole to make the arrangements for the presentation at Midwinter 2015 and to publicize the event.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Date, time, presenter name, title of presentation Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments: I have uploaded the rubric we used to ALA Connect. I have also uploaded a draft of a revised application. The committee recommends that both documents be used by next year's committee for continuity and to ensure that the proposals received are research-based.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

National Guidelines Oversight Committee

Chair's Name: Katherine Trouern-Trend Board

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Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Oversee YALSA's portfolio of national guidelines, including performing such tasks as: working with staff to disseminate and promote the guidelines; regularly evaluating the existing guidelines and making recommendations to YALSA's Board for updating or revising guidelines and/or the need to create supplementary materials or tools; assisting staff with establishing and maintaining liaisons with appropriate decision makers and stakeholders, both inside and outside the library profession, that monitor

and evaluate the performance of teen services programs and librarians. While the Oversight Committee is charged with making recommendations, the authority to adopt, direct the revision of and/or sunset guidelines rests with YALSA's Board of Directors. Committee size: 6 virtual members including the chair. July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Our group is just getting started. A welcome email has been sent to all members. Our ALA Connect space has been populated with documents to

review: YALSA Social Media Policy, YALSA Ethical Behavior Policy, National Guidelines Committee Task List 2014/2015, Task 1 Workplan and deadlines. Our group will have monthly virtual meetings, first meeting end of August.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices
 - Continuous Learning and Professional Development
 - Member Recruitment and Engagement
 - Capacity Building and Organizational Development
- Which strategies were used for the above

action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Outreach
- Other (Please explain below)

other: Tasks developed to familiarize members with different online tools i.e. Google docs, ALA Connect; Task List for each task includes specific documents to help frame the work; plan developed for frequent communication

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Task 1 Finish Committee Manual workplan: dates have been defined for completing this task by Sept. 15. Task 2 Evaluate the “Future of Library Services for & with

Teens: a Call to Action” report and submit recommendations: workplan being developed to begin Sept. 15 for completion of task by December 19. Task 3 Disseminate information about

new programming guidelines: Group to discuss ideas, develop and execute workplan for this

task, Task 4 Throughout the year work with staff to disseminate and promote all of the

guidelines: Group to discuss ideas, develop and execute workplan for this task. Task 5 Establish and maintain liaisons with appropriate decision makers and stakeholders both inside and outside

the library profession that monitor and evaluate the performance of teen services programs and

librarians: Group to discuss ideas, develop and execute workplan for this task.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications

in the next three months? Group to discuss Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three

months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Programming Guidelines Task Force

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Board Liaison: Beth Yoke

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Review the current library literature to determine existing best practices in library programming for and with teens and use the findings to develop a set of guidelines.

Submit a draft of the guidelines to the Executive Committee by October 1, 2013. Incorporate feedback received from the committee and present a refined draft to the

YALSA Board by Feb. 1, 2014. Make further edits based on board feedback, then work with YALSA staff to open up a call for public comments on the draft guidelines

by June 1, 2014. Based on public feedback, make final edits to the document and submit it to YALSA's Board by October 1, 2014. Taskforce size: 5-7 virtual

members. Term: March 1, 2013 through January 31, 2015.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? I took over the Chair from Chris Shoemaker about three weeks ago.

Since then I have been getting up to speed and getting to know the group. I am currently in the process of distributing the work of incorporating the most recent feedback.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices
 - Continuous Learning and Professional Development
 - Capacity Building and Organizational Development
- Which strategies were used for the above

action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Now - Sept. 15: Draft new sections of the document
Sept 15 - Oct. 15: Work collaboratively on the document
Oct. 15: Submit for fall exec
Oct. 15-31: Incorporate comments from fall exec
Nov 1-Jan 15: Open for board and member comments

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? One of the pieces that still needs to be incorporated into the guidelines is a list of model programs. We could send out an invitation to librarians to share their most innovative and successful programs.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: There are still committee members I have not heard from.

One member, Matt McLain, let me know that he no longer has time to serve on the committee. I gave the group a date next week to get back to me on which pieces of the document they'd like to work on. If I don't hear from everyone by then, I'll contact each member directly.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

No

Professional Values Taskforce

Chair's Name: Lalitha Nataraj

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Board Liaison: Vicki Emery

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Investigate best practices in associations and professionalism, then identify core professionalism values of a librarian or library worker serving teens, and use it for a basis for creating guidelines for professionalism for librarians and library workers who work with and for teens. Submit a draft of the values to the Board by February 15, 2014.

Incorporate feedback received from the board and present a refined draft to the YALSA Board by Mar. 1, 2014. Make further edits based on board feedback, then begin work on the guidelines, submitting an initial draft for board consideration by Aug.

1, 2014 and a final draft by Dec. 22, 2014. Taskforce size: 5-7 virtual members. Term: Sept. 1, 2013 through January 31, 2015.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Since receiving feedback from the board on our first draft, we have been working on trying to pull together a concise document that outlines values for individuals who serve teens in libraries. These values in our document are distinct from those outlined in the Future of Library Services for and with Teens: A Call to Action report in that the latter outlines organizational values.

As a result of the feedback, we were able to condense our content and begin limiting our values to those that truly exemplify the work we do with teens.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Engagement
- Capacity Building and Organizational Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- Program
- Publication
- Outreach
- Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

We hope to work on at least one more draft of the PV document before submitting our final document to the Board in late December.

Areas of focus (per board feedback have been):

*Eliminating overlaps between PV doc and the YALSA Competencies for Librarians Serving Youth; *Fleshing out content for more clarity - our earlier draft was simply a bulleted list, but we have expanded the document to include: Core Values--> Definition of said value-->Sample practices associated with value (the APTA Core Values served as a model) *Focusing on higher-level, core elements (this is what really distinguishes values from competencies).

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Once we have a clear document that meets the approval of the Board,

we would like to share a brief statement about our work on the YALSA blog as well as the newsletter.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

This summer, it was slightly challenging to schedule a virtual meeting time that worked for everyone - understandably, this season is a busy one for YS librarians because of summer reading programs and conference travel. As a result, we haven't been able to accomplish things in as timely of a manner (myself included, of course). That said, each taskforce member has done an excellent of maintaining communication via email and offering critical contributions to our work.

We do not have any participation concerns to address.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None at this time. We are running slightly behind on our draft deadline, but will have our document submitted shortly after this quarterly report.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Proposed Literacies Task force

Chair's Name: Elizabeth Hanisian

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Board Liaison: Joy Kim

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The taskforce will create a variety of resources to help members learn about expanded literacies and how libraries can embrace a role in helping teens increase literacy skills in order to increase their value in their community.

Activities include:

creating a literacies toolkit to be released in conjunction with 2014 Teen Read Week; creating Academy videos that explain the various literacies; expanding and maintaining the literacies page on YALSA's public wiki on an ongoing basis and encouraging members to contribute to the content there; as requested by the YALSAblog Manager, identify bloggers to regularly create literacy related posts; as requested by the YALS Editor, identify authors to write literacy related articles; identify topics for issue and position papers and work with the Publications Advisory Board to find authors.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

We are moving right along with creating a literacies toolkit. We've divided the work among the group, and each member is currently working on their portion, with drafts to be completed by August 31. The toolkit will consist of six section: 1. Intro to the toolkit (why it's being created); 2. Identify and define multiple literacies; 3. Information Literacies; 4. Critical Literacies; 5. Digital Literacies; 6. Media Literacies; and 7. Shared Resources.

The different types of literacies we found in "Futures of Library Services for and with Teens.'

We looked at multiple documents and styles and we agreed to use the "Common Core State Standards Toolkit for Public Librarians"

(<http://www.ala.org/aasl/ecollab/ccss101>) as a guide for format and length.

Our main focus right now is the toolkit and promotion of the toolkit for 2014 Teen Read Week. We will then begin working on other task force charges after this is complete.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices

- Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

Publication

other:
What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

1. Finish the toolkit by mid-September, and submit it for review to be release in conjunction with 2014 Teen Read Week

2. Touch base with the YALSAblog Manager to write a post to promote the toolkit during TRW (she's already extended an invitation). I'll also be inquiring about possible authors to write literacies pieces (some of the task force members are also interested in doing this).

3. Once the toolkit is complete, we'll begin updating and expanding the literacies portion of the YALSA wiki.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? Nothing at this time.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I was having issues with some task force members not responding to group emails. I sent them each a personal email, making sure they were still able to find the time to contribute to the task force. with that little nudge, each responded right away and quickly contributed the ongoing discussions through email.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Research Committee

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Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To stimulate, encourage, guide, and direct the research needs of the field of young adult library services, and to regularly compile abstracts, disseminate research findings, update YALSA's Research Agenda as needed and to liaise with ALA's Committee on Research & Statistics.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The past three months, were also our first three months. We took time for introductions, which included personal research interests. We also discussed the task list set out by the board, and started planning how to tackle our biggest project for the year, which is updated the YALSA Research Agenda based upon the Call to Action. We divided up the Research Agenda, two people for each section, and I created a work forum in Google Docs where we can work on updating and revising. We also decided NOT to host a Midwinter Forum, due to the fact that only a couple of us were going with limited time availability, so we felt that

our efforts were better directed towards tasks we could accomplish well. We also briefly discussed the ALISE Conference, but I am still working on clarifying this task.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Research and Best Practices Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

1. Continue working on updating the Research Agenda.
2. I will have everyone sign up for monthly blog posts, hopefully beginning in October.
3. Once the ALISE Conference task is clarified, we will begin brainstorming and working on this project.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? I plan to get monthly blogging up and running starting in the Fall, so we will have posts from the committee on various research information or other relevant topics.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

We started off a bit slow for several reasons. The combination of ALA at the end of June followed by the holiday weekend, and our committee roster wasn't finalized until about the same time. This made for a slow start with introductions and getting started, with people on vacation, summer reading programs, summer classes etc.

I tried to keep things moving by setting feasible response deadlines, and when it was missed, a gentle reminder with an extended date did the trick in getting folks to respond. I understand that this is a tricky time for a lot of folks, myself included, so right now, I am not concerned with the slowness

in members' responses. I have set a deadline in getting started on the research agenda task and plan to follow-up after a few weeks.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Sarah and I have been in touch about the ALISE Conference Task Item (Between Sept. – Dec. help facilitate a YALSA presence at the 2015 ALISE conference). We are trying to figure out if we should be figuring out a way to bring YALSA to ALISE or if we are looking for topics/research that comes up at ALISE to bring to YALSA.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Research Journal Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Don Latham

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Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

YALSA's Research Journal Advisory Board oversees the peer reviewing process as outlined in the Refereeing Process Guidelines that were approved by the YALSA Board of Directors. The Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Editor of the journal by assisting with

the solicitation of contributors and articles as well as generating ideas for topical articles or themes, when requested from the Member Editor.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? I began my term in early July, so I have no outcomes to report for the previous three months.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the

above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The journal is currently accepting submissions for two special issues. The deadline is August 31st. Our committee will be reviewing and evaluating those submissions.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? None.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Website Advisory

Chair's Name: Whitney Winn

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Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To regularly assist the YALSA Web Services Manager with the oversight and maintenance of YALSA's online presence, including but not limited to its wiki and social media channels. To liaise with YALSA member groups, member editors and member blog managers regarding the use of YALSA's website and social media tools in their work for the Division; to liaise with the ALA Web Advisory Committee; and to recommend, develop and update policies for YALSA's web presence to the YALSA Board.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The group introduced themselves to each other by email, started work on the task list by reading the Future of Library Services for & with Teens report in order to understand potential content gaps on the Wiki, and started to clean up Wiki content as recommended in the report to the YALSA board. I have also been working with Beth to remove spam from the Wiki.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Continuous Learning and Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Using the main themes/topics/recommendations in the "Future of Library Services for & with Teens report, the group will evaluate YALSA's website and wiki and identify gaps in content on the site and wiki, and inconsistencies in language or philosophy in the sites' content. The group will also

coordinate a Wiki edit-a-thon (possibly in late October) to enrich content on some existing Wiki pages. The group will also continue to brainstorm and write web resource tips for the E-News and monitor the Wiki for spam.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? The group will continue promoting YALSA web resources, especially select Wiki pages, through E-News and social media in coordination with Anna Lam. The group will also promote its Wiki edit-a-thon (possibly in late October).

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

YALSAblog

Chair's Name: Crystle Martin

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Board Liaison: Maureen Hartman

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

This is the YALSAblog Mission:

The mission of the YALSAblog is to provide a virtual space for publishing timely information about emerging and new practices for library services for and with teens, to explore practices in related fields relevant to teen services, to raise awareness about appropriate YALSA tools to facilitate innovation in teen services, and to provide resources for members and the library community to support their efforts to continuously improve their overall teen services program.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the last three months, I have established a regular blogging schedule for all participating bloggers. We have a steady posting schedule and try to have fresh content at least every other day. We have also added three teen bloggers who are blogging monthly. Beth Yoke had given me a list of categories that she and the board were interested in the blog focusing on and from that I created an interest survey which has bloggers indicate which topics they have interest in from the list. This has helped to keep the content of the blog focused on the topics from the "Future of library service for and with teens" and libraries report. I also have ongoing outreach to all YALSA committees and taskforces to invite them to post on the blog.

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy and Activism
- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Publication

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Since the position of member manager is continuous with the workload being fairly evenly distributed, I will continue to recruit new bloggers. I am also hoping to target bloggers to blog about advocacy and equity and diversity, because these topics are still underrepresented. I will also continue to edit the blog posts of all

bloggers to maintain quality standards. I plan to start a guest blogging series of posts from researchers this fall.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? As the manager of the YALSAblog, all of our work is focused on publication. I am also sending posts to AL Direct and to Educator Innovator for cross postings.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes